

MINUTES OF 1998 ANNUAL MEETING

Minutes of the Annual Meeting of the Sevier River Water Users Association held at the Sevier County Courthouse, Richfield, Utah, Thursday, February 5, 1998 at 1:00 p.m.

Due, legal and timely notice having been given as required by law and the Order of the Board.

There were present the following Officers and Directors:

PRESENT:

Clyde Bunker, President-Millard County
Kurt Sorensen, Vice President-Sanpete County
Afton Blood, Director-Piute County
Phill Nielson, Director-Millard County
Sheldon Proctor, Director-Garfield County
Ivan Cowley, Director-Sevier County
Russell Christensen, Director-Sevier County
Dean S. Anderson, Secretary

ABSENT:

None

ALSO PRESENT:

Ray J. Owens, Upper Sevier River Commissioner
Jim Walker, Lower Sevier River Commissioner
Lee Sim, Division of Water Rights
Harold Brown, Division of Water Resources
Arlyn Hilton, Bureau of Reclamation
Kirk Forbush, Division of Water Rights
Terry Monroe, Division of Water Rights

The meeting was called to order by President Clyde Bunker who presided at the meeting. President Bunker introduced each of the board members. All were welcomed by President Bunker with a special notice of the representatives from the State Engineers Office and Harold Brown from the Division of Water Resources and Arlyn Hilton with the Bureau of Reclamation.

Secretary Dean S. Anderson, read the notice of the annual meeting. The Secretary then read the minutes of the annual meeting of the Sevier River Water Users Association held on February 5, 1997. Upon a motion and second, the minutes were approved as read.

President Bunker turned the floor over to representatives from the Division of Water Rights who gave a report of the 1997 expenditures and receipts along with the proposed 1998 budget. It was noted that the assessment for 1998 had been set at \$130,000.00. A motion and second were received to approve the financial reports. The motion passed unanimously.

Time was given to Commissioner Ray Owens to report on the water supply for the upper river. Ray discussed the condition of the Piute Reservoir. As of February 4, it was at 75.7 with 76 being full. Otter Creek is spilling as of February 4 with the capacity of 50,195 a.f. Panguitch lake holds 12,636 out of 22,484 a.f. Tropic Reservoir is full. The snow pack is 70-90% depending on which station.

Commissioner Jim Walker noted that all of the reservoirs on the lower Sevier River will fill by the start of the irrigation season. Sevier Bridge Reservoir is at 77.7' which is 212' 0" a.f. The inflow is a little over 400 cfs. Gunnison Reservoir is full and spilling. Piute will start releasing this week. There is about 12-15 days of storage available in the reservoirs below Sevier Bridge.

Time was given to Arlyn Hilton from the Bureau of Reclamation. He gave a slide presentation about the realtime system on the Sevier River in the Sevier Valley. Ray Owens noted what a blessing it had been to him and the water masters in regulating the water. It was noted that the current plan was to move the system on down the river into Millard County.

Harold Brown reported that the public review draft of the Sevier River-State Water Plan will be out in May. President Bunker encouraged all present to review the draft when it is available.

Lee Sim gave a brief discussion regarding how assessment are calculated. It is based on the two classes depending on the type of water rights. Lee also presented a discussion about how water right are transferring. There is proposed legislation that will change 73-1-11 which deals on how water rights are transferred when property is divided.

President Bunker noted that the board is considering doing a biological assessment of the Sevier River.

President Bunker held elections to fill the expired terms of Afton Blood, Russell Christensen, Kurt Sorensen and Phill Nielson whose terms had expired. All four members of the board were put in by acclamation by those present.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 2:15 p.m.

ATTEST:

Secretary

President